



ETRUSCAN GLOSSARY

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Ankara

A

ac: *verb*, make, offer, act
acazr: *noun*, objects offered in the tomb
acale (*Aclus*): *noun*, June
ais, eis (pl. **aisar, eisar**), god
aisiu: *adjective*, divine, of the gods
aisna, eisna: *adjective*, divine, of the gods
al: *verb*, give, offer
alpan, alpnu: *noun / adverb*, gift, offering; willingly
alphaze: *noun*, offering
alumnathe: *noun*, sacred society
am: *verb*, to be
an (**ana, ane, anc, ananc**): *pronoun*, he, she
apa: *noun*, father
apana: *adjective*, paternal
apcar: *noun*, abacus
ar-, er-: *verb*, to make, move, build
***arac**: *noun*, falcon
***arim**: *noun*, monkey
ars-: *verb*, push away?
aska: *noun*, type of vase (Gk. *askós*)
athre: *noun*, building (Lat. *atrium*?)
ati, ativu: *noun*, mother, 'mummy'
ati nacna: *noun*, grandmother
avil: *noun*, year

C

-c: *conjunction*, and
ca: *demonstrative*, this
camthi: *noun*, name of a magistracy
cape, capi: *noun*, vase, container (cf. Lat. *capio*?)
***capr-**: *noun*, April
capra: *noun*, urn
***capu**: *noun*, falcon
car-, cer-: *verb*, make, build
cecha: *noun*, sacred things, ritual, ceremony, priestly
zilch cecheneri: *noun*, a title (see **zil** etc.)
cechase: *noun*, name of magistracy
cehen: *demonstrative*, this one here
cela: *noun*, room (Lat. *cella*)
celi: *noun*, September
celu: *noun*, priestly title
cep-, cepen: *noun*, priestly title
ces-: *verb*, lie
cezp: *numeral*, 8?

cezpalch: *numeral*, 80?
ci: *numeral*, 3
cialch-, **cealch-**: *numeral*, 30
ciz: *adverb*, three times
cisra: *noun*, Caere
clan (pl. **clenar**): *noun*, son
cletram: *noun*, basin, basket, cart for offerings (Umbrian *kletra*)
cleva: *noun*, offering
clevsin: *noun*, Chiusi
creal: *noun*, magistrate
creice: *noun*, Greek (Lat. *Graecus*)
culichna: *noun*, vase, 'little kylix' (Gk. *kylix*)
cupe: *noun*, cup (Gk. *kúpe*-, Lat. *cupa*)
cver: *noun*, cvil, gift, offering

CH

***chosfer** (gloss): *noun*, October

E

eca (see **ca**)
eleivana: *adjective*, of oil
aska eleivana: *noun*, vessel for oil (Gk. *élaion*)
-em: *adposition*, minus
enac, **enach**: *adverb*, then, afterwards
epl, **pi**, **pul**: *adposition*, in, to, up to
eslz: *adverb*, twice
etera, **eteri**: *noun*, foreigner; slave, client (serf?)
etnam: *adverb*, and, also

F

***falatu** (gloss, **falado**): *noun*, sky
fan-: *verb*, to consecrate?
fanu: *noun*, sacred place (Lat. *fa:num?*)
favi: *noun*, grave, temple vault (Lat. *fauissa?*)
fler: *noun*, offering, sacrifice
flerchva: *noun*, all the statues, offerings
flere: *noun*, divinity, god
flereS: *noun*, statue
frontac: *noun*, interpreter of lightning; see
trutnuth (Gk. *bronte:?*)
fufluna, see **pupluna**

H

hanthin: *adposition*, in front of
hec-, hech-: *verb*, put, place in front of, add
herma, heramasva: *noun*, place, statue? (Gk. *Hermes*)
herme, hermu: *noun*, sacred society of Hermes ***hermi-** (gloss, *Ermius*): *noun*, August
hinthial: *noun*, soul, ghost, reflection
hintha, hinthu, hinththin: *adposition*, below
hus- (pl. **husiur**): *noun*, youth, children;
huznatre: *noun*, group of youths
huth: *numeral*, 6

I

ic, ich, ichnac: *adverb*, how
ica, ika: *demonstrative*, this
ilu-: *verb*, activity of offering or prayer
in, inc: *pronoun*, it
ipa: *pronoun*, relative pronoun
ipe, ipa: *pronoun*, whoever, whatever
***ister** (gloss: Lat. *histrion*): *noun*, actor
ita, itu: *demonstrative*, this
***itu-** (gloss: *itus* or
ituare): *verb*, to divide? (Lat. *Idus*)

L

lauchum: *noun*, king (Lat. *lucumo*:)
lauchumna: *adjective / noun*, 'belonging to a lucumo' (king or prince), palace
lautni: *adjective / noun*, 'of the family', freedman
lautnitha, lautnita: *noun*, freedwoman
lautun, lautn: *noun*, family, gens
lechtum: *noun*, vase for oil (Gk. *le:kuthos*)
lechtumuza: *noun*, little *le:kuthos*
lein- : *verb*, to die?
les-: *verb*, offer sacrifice
leu-: *noun*, lion
lucair: *verb*, to rule
luth: *noun*, sacred place
lup-, lupu: *verb*, to die

M

-m, -um: *conjunction*, and
mach: *numeral*, 5
macstrev: *noun*, name of magistracy
mal-: *verb*, to give, dedicate?

malena, malstria: *noun*, mirror
man, mani: *noun*, the dead (Lat. *Manes*)
manin-: *verb*, to offer to the Manes?
maru, marunu: *noun*, name of magistracy (Lat. *maro*.; Umbr. *maron-*)
masan, masn: *noun*, name of month?
matam, matan: *adposition*, above, before
math: *noun*, honey, honeyed wine
maruchva: *noun*, type of **zilath**
mech: *noun*, people, league
men-: *verb*, offer
methlum: *noun*, district
mi, mini: *pronoun*, I, me
mul-: *verb*, to offer, dedicate as an ex-voto
mulach, malak, mlach: *noun*, votive offering, dedication
mun-, muni: *noun*, underground place, tomb
mur-: *verb*, stay, reside
murS: *noun*, urn, sarcophagus
mutana, mutna: *noun*, sarcophagus

N

nac: *adverb / conjunction*, how, as, because
neftS, nefS, nefiS: *noun*, grandson (Lat. *nepos*)
nene: *noun*, nurse, wet-nurse
neri: *noun*, water
nesna: *noun*, belonging to the dead?
nethSra: *noun*, haruspicina
netSvis: *noun*, haruspex
nuna: *noun*, offering?
nurph-: *numeral*, 9

P

pachathur: *noun*, Bacchante, maenad
pachie-, pachana: *adjective*, Bacchic
pacusnaSie, pacuSnasie: *adjective*, Bacchic, Dionysiac
papa, papacs: *noun*, grandfather
papals: *adjective / noun*, of the grandfather: grandson
parnich: *noun*, magistrate
patna: *noun*, name of vase (Gk. *patane*, Lat. *patina*?)
penthuna, penthna: *noun*, cippus, stone?
pi, pul: *adposition*, at, in, through
pruch, pruchum: *noun*, lug (Gk. *próchous*)
prumathi, prumats: *noun*, great-grandson (Lat. *pronepos*)
puia: *noun*, wife
pul, see **pi**
pulumchva: *noun*, stars?
pupluna, fufluna: *noun*, Populonia

purth, purthne: *noun*, name of magistrate or magistracy; dictator?
put-, puth-: *noun*, cup, vase, well? (Lat. *puteus, puteal*)

Q

qutun, qutum: *noun*, vase (Gk. *ko:tho:n*)

R

rach-: *verb*, prepare
***rasenna, rasna**: *adjective*, Etruscan, of Etruria
rath: *noun*, sacred thing
ratum: *adjective*, according to law (Lat. *rite*)
ril: *adjective*, aged, at the age of ... (years)
rumach: *adjective*, Roman, from Rome
ruva: *noun*, brother

S, SH

(s and S [/sh/] are often interchangeable)

Sa: *numeral*, 4
sac-: *verb*, carrying out a sacred act
sacni: *noun*, sanctuary
sacnisa: *verb*, consecrate?
sal-: *verb*, make, carry out
Sar, zar: *numeral*, 10
sath-, Sat-: *verb*, put, establish, be put?
Sealch: *numeral*, 40
sec, sech: *noun*, daughter
semph: *numeral*, 7?
semphalch: *numeral*, 70?
slicaches: *noun*, sacred society?
snenath: *noun*, maid, companion (fem.)
spur-: *noun*, city
spurana, spureni: *adjective*, having to do with the city
Sran, sren: *noun*, ornament, figure
srenceve: *adjective*, decorated with figures!
suc-: *verb*, declare
suplu: *noun*, flutist (Lat. *subulo*)
Suth-, sut-: *verb*, to stay, place
Suthi: *noun*, tomb, grave
Suthina: *adjective*, for the tomb, sepulchral gift
sval: *adjective / verb*, alive, to live
sve: *adverb*, similarly
sveamach: *adjective*, from Sovana

T

ta: *demonstrative*, this
tamera: *noun*, name of magistracy
tarchnalthi: *adjective*, at Tarquinia
ten-: *verb*, to act as
tes-, tesam-: *verb*, to care for
tesinth: *noun*, caretaker
teta: *noun*, grandmother
tev-: *verb*, to show, set?
tevarath: *noun*, onlooker, judge at the games, umpire
tin-: *noun*, day
tiu, tiv-, tiur: *noun*, moon, month
tmia: *noun*, place, sacred building
-tnam, see
etnam
trin-: *verb*, to plead, supplicate
truth, trut: *noun*, libation
trutnuth, trutnut: *noun*, priest (Lat. *fulguriator*)
tul: *noun*, stone
tular, tularu: *noun*, boundaries
tunur: *adverb*, one at a time
tur-: *verb*, to give
tura: *noun*, incense
turza: *noun*, offering
tus: *noun*, funerary niche
tusurthir: *noun*, married couple? ('in the double urn?')
tuthi, tuti-: *noun*, community, state (Umbrian *tota*?)
tuthin, tuthina-: *adjective*, of the state, public
tuthina: *noun*, the people; votive object?

TH

thafna: *noun*, cup
tham-: *verb*, to build, found
thapna: *noun*, vase (for offerings?)
thaurch: *adjective*, funerary
thaure, thaure: *noun*, tomb
thez-: *verb*, to make an offering
thezl, thezi: *noun*, name of a city found on Etruscan coins
thi: *pronoun*, pronoun
thina: *noun*, vase, jar (Lat. *tina*, Gk. *dinos*)
thu: *numeral*, one
thucte: *noun*, name of month
thui: *adverb*, here, now
thuni: *conjunction*, before
thunz: *adverb*, once

U

ulpaia: *noun*, jug (Gk. olpe:)

une: *adverb*, then

usil: *noun*, the sun

uslane: *adverb*, at noon

ut-: *verb*, carry out, perform

V

vacal, vacil, vacl: *noun*, libation?

***velcitna** (gloss, **Velcitanus**): *noun*, March

velclthi: *adjective*, at Vulci

velsnalthi: *adjective*, at Volsinii (velznani)

velsnach: *adverb*, from Volsinii

vers-: *noun*, fire (or ladle?)

vinum, vinm: *noun*, wine (Lat. ui:num)

Z

zal, zel-, esal-: *numeral*, 2

zanena: *noun*, cup

zar, see

sar

zathrum: *numeral*, 20

zeri: *noun*, rite, legal action?

zich-: *verb*, to write, incise

zil-: *verb*, to rule?

zil, zilac, zilc, zilach, zilath: *noun*, a magistrate (Lat. *praetor*)

ziv: *adjective*, having lived, dead at

ziva: *noun*, the dead, deceased

Etruscan

The Etruscan vowel and consonant inventory generally follows [Larissa Bonfante's \[1990\]](#) notation:

a, e, i, (o), u

p, t, [k (before a), c (before e/i), q (before u)] all /k/

ph (/p^h/), th (/t^h/), ch (/k^h/)

ts

f, v, s, S (/sh/)

m, n

r, l

h

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A	A	A	a	𐌁			(s)
B			(b)	O			(o)
𐌄	𐌄	𐌄	c(k)	𐌇	𐌇	𐌇	p
D			(d)	M	M	M	ś
𐌆	𐌆	𐌆	e	Q	Q		q
𐌈	𐌈	𐌈	v	𐌌	𐌌	𐌌	r
I	I	𐌊	z	𐌍	𐌍	𐌍	s
𐌋	𐌋	𐌋	h	𐌎	𐌎	𐌎	t
𐌏	𐌏	𐌏	θ(th)	𐌐	𐌐	𐌐	u
l	l	l	i	X	X, +		ś
𐌒	𐌒		k	𐌑		𐌑	φ(ph)
𐌔	𐌔	𐌔	l	𐌓		𐌓	χ(ch)
𐌖	𐌖	𐌖	m		𐌔	𐌔	f
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